

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

TRIPLOID GRASS CARP SALES PERMIT APPLICATION

Please attach proof/copy of fish farm certification and/or license

Sales Permit Fee is **\$250.00** NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: Home: () _____ Business: () _____

Name of Fish Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Location of Farm: _____

Section: _____ Township: _____ Range: _____

Ponds on Farm: Number: _____ Acres: _____

Ponds Flooding Potential (circle one): a. Does Not Flood b. Floods Rarely c. Floods Frequently

REMARKS: _____

In signing this application, I agree to abide by all laws and rules governing the importation, transportation, possession, disposal and sale of triploid grass carp for aquatic plant control in private and public waters. I acknowledge that the failure to comply may result in revocation or suspension of all applicable permits, licenses and certificates and denial of future permits, licenses and certificates.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: Mark G. McElroy, Programs Manager
Inland Fisheries Division
Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

Statement of Compliance

I have been advised and do understand that by applying for and accepting a permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, I am being allowed to engage in an activity which would otherwise be prohibited by law or for which a permit is required. I understand that the permit is not a license and confers no property rights upon me. I specifically agree to abide by all State and Federal fish and wildlife laws and regulations, and all State and Federal laws and regulations which relate to this permit or the permitted activity, and by all other terms and conditions of this permit. I understand that the permit for which I am applying may be suspended, canceled or revoked at any time by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. I agree to immediately surrender the permit issued to me upon demand made upon me by any authorized employee of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. I understand that my failure to fully and completely comply with the laws, regulations, terms, and conditions referred to herein will result in the immediate suspension, cancellation or revocation of this and other permits issued to me by the Department and that I may be denied future permits as a consequence of my actions. I understand and agree that any permit issued to me by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is in the nature of a privilege which is being voluntarily extended to me by the Department and the failure on my part to cooperate fully and completely with the Department or any of its employees can result in the loss of the privilege conferred and the denial of future requests for permits. By accepting a permit, I evidence my agreement to be bound by all conditions and stipulations set forth herein.

PRINT NAME: _____

Signature

Date

THIS STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE READ AND SIGNED BEFORE ANY PERMIT CAN BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES, EFFECTIVE 8/18/97.

TRIPLOID GRASS CARP PERMIT REGULATIONS

(Title 76, Part VII, Chapter 9, Section 901)

A. Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transportation for Aquatic Plant Control; Permit Required

1. No person, firm or corporation shall at any time possess, sell or cause to be transported into this state, triploid grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella), except in accordance with a permit issued under and in compliance with the following regulations.

The following regulations govern the importation, transportation, possession, disposal and sale of live triploid grass carp for aquatic plant control in private and public waters, including ponds on public golf courses, municipal water treatment plants, parks and zoos

2. Definitions:

Department - the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or an authorized employee of the Department.

Permittee - organization that possesses a valid Louisiana triploid grass carp permit. A permittee can only be a natural person. A permittee may represent himself, a business, corporation or organization. The permittee is responsible for compliance with all stipulations in the permit.

Secretary - the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Triploid grass carp - refers to Ctenopharyngodon idella fingerlings and larger individuals that are certified as triploid carp (3N chromosomes) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the Department.

Triploid grass carp possession and transportation permit - the official document that identifies the terms of and allows for the importation, transportation and possession of live triploid grass carp in Louisiana as approved by the Secretary or his designee.

Triploid grass carp sales permit - the official document that allows for the importation, transportation, possession and sale of live triploid grass carp in Louisiana as approved by the Secretary or his designee.

Triploid grass carp seller - a properly licensed fish farmer who possesses a triploid grass carp sales permit.

3. Triploid Grass Carp Habitat Management Request Procedures

- a. Individuals wishing to import, transport or possess live triploid grass carp in Louisiana must first request a permit from the Department through an application form furnished by the Department.
- b.
 - i. The completed applications must be returned to the Department, after which Department personnel will review the application. Site visitations will be made:
 - (a): if stocking exceeds 100 triploid grass carp;
 - (b): if the Department determines that such a site visit is necessary; or
 - (c): by specific request from a water body owner.
 - ii. Site visitations made by fisheries staff of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service or other qualified fisheries professionals may be used as a substitution for a Departmental site visit.
- c. The Department will ensure that the applicant is furnished a copy of rules and regulations pertaining to the importation, transportation and possession of live triploid grass carp in Louisiana.
- d. The secretary, or his designee, will notify the applicant in writing as to whether or not the permit has been granted and if not, the reasons therefore. In the event of disapproval, applicants may re-apply after meeting department requirements.
- e. After approval, the application and fee will be forwarded to the License Section for processing.

4. Transport of Triploid Grass Carp for Habitat Management

- a. Permittee must have on his immediate possession a Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transportation Permit when purchasing and/or transporting live triploid grass carp. This permit must be signed by the Secretary or his designee. Permittee shall show this permit upon demand by Department representatives.
- b. Prior to importation, fish must be certified as triploid grass carp by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the Department. Such certification must

be furnished to and approved by the Department prior to introduction of any fish into any waters of this state.

- c. A bill of lading must accompany those individuals in possession of living triploid grass carp during transportation and shall include:

- i. Source of triploid grass carp (hatchery)
- ii. Name, address and phone number of seller
- iii. Name, address and phone number of buyer
- iv. Copy of triploid certification
- v. Total number of fish
- vi. Destination and route of shipment

5. Triploid Grass Carp Stocking

- a. No waters will be stocked without a Department permit.
- b. Permittee is responsible for containing triploid grass carp in his waters. Permittee is also responsible for erecting barriers to prevent the escape of triploid grass carp into adjoining waters.

6. General Rules for Triploid Grass Carp Habitat Management

- a. Prior to introductions, fish to be introduced must be certified as triploid grass carp by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified agent or contractor approved by the Department. Such certification must be furnished to and approved by the Department prior to introduction of any fish into any waters of this state.
- b. No fingerlings under six inches in total length or eggs or fry shall be imported, transported or possessed in Louisiana.
- c. Permits are not transferable from person to person or from site location to site location.
- d. No person may permit the release of live triploid grass carp into waters of Louisiana without the written approval of the Secretary or his designee.
- e. Applicant shall provide an adequate number of triploid grass carp to the Department, at no cost to the Department, upon request, to verify triploidy. Cost of any test deemed necessary by the Department shall be borne by the permittee.
- f. The applicant must agree to allow Department officials or a Department approved contractor to conduct unannounced random inspections of the transport vehicle, property, water body site and fish. Additionally, Department officials may request other officials to accompany them during these inspections. Additionally, those individuals performing these inspections may remove or take fish samples for analysis and/or inspection.
- g. The Department shall approve final stocking rates for each applicant.
- h. Permittee is responsible for damages caused by any escapement.
- i. Except in cases of mortality or unavoidable loss, restocking will be permitted only at intervals of 3 years or greater following the initial stocking.
- j. The cost of an initial triploid grass carp permit shall be \$50.00 plus an additional fee for on-site inspection, if deemed necessary by the Department, or by specific request from a water body owner as stated in 901.A.3.b.i.(c). An individual wishing to stock triploid grass carp supplementally after the period described in 901.A.6.i. must notify the Department, after which that individual will be re-permitted at an administrative fee of \$25.00.
- k. Qualified universities and public entities conducting research approved by or in conjunction with the Department shall be exempt from fee charges.
- l. If a permittee terminates the use of triploid grass carp in the permitted water body, the permittee shall notify the Department immediately and dispose of the triploid grass carp according to methods approved by the Department.
- m. In addition to all other legal remedies, failure to comply with any of the provisions in 901 shall be just cause to immediately suspend and/or revoke the permittee's permit. All triploid grass carp shall be destroyed at permittee's expense under the Department's supervision within 30 days of permit revocation. Violation of any of the provisions of the permit constitutes a class four violation in accordance with R.S. 56:319(E).
- n. Any permittee charged with violation of 901 has a right to make a written response to the alleged violation(s) to the Secretary requesting a hearing to review the alleged violation(s).

B. Sale of Live Triploid Grass Carp for Aquatic Plant Control; Permit Required

1. Individuals wishing to sell live triploid grass carp must first obtain a Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit.
2. A triploid grass carp seller must be a properly licensed fish farmer.
3. The person shipping triploid grass carp shall display the words "TRIPLOID GRASS CARP" prominently on at least two sides of the vehicle or hauling tank with letters that are no less than 4 inches high.
4. A triploid grass carp seller is bound by the triploid grass carp possession and transportation regulations as stipulated in 901.A; except that:
 - a. The Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit serves in lieu of the Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transportation Permit.
 - b. The holders of a Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit may only sell live triploid grass carp to holders of a valid Triploid Grass Carp Possession and Transportation Permit or a Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit.
5. The Department shall be notified at a designated telephone number (1-800-442-2511) of shipments of live triploid grass carp to permitted buyers at least 24 hours prior to shipment. Notification shall include buyer's name, address, permit number, number of fish and date and route of transport.
6. The initial Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit will be issued to cover a period of time ending with the calendar year following the date of the permit. Permits shall be renewed annually thereafter. The cost of a Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit is \$250.00.
7. An additional fee for the initial inspection of facilities will be assessed and charged.
8. Each Triploid Grass Carp Sales Permit holder will send the Department an annual report detailing each sales transaction, including name and address of permitted buyer, permit number, date and number of triploid grass carp sold. These reports must be postmarked no later than the 30th day after the end of the calendar year.
9. In addition to all other legal remedies, failure to comply with any of the provisions in 901 shall be just cause to immediately suspend and/or revoke the permittee's permit. All triploid grass carp shall be destroyed at permittee's expense under the Department's supervision within 30 days of permit revocation. Violation of any of the provisions of the permit constitutes a class four violation in accordance with R.S. 56:319(E).